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LABORERS' TALK

What White Men Employed on
Sewer Work Have to Say.

SOLUTION OF LABOR PROBLEM

The Climate is Cooler Than in Many Parts of
California and They Are
Contented.

The sewerage construction now go-
ing on is interesting when the labor
side of it is taken into consideration.
When Mr. Vincent, of the engineering
firm which was awarded the construc-
tion contract, arrived in Honolulu he
brought with him a number of white
laborers. These men had been with
him in similar work at Fresno and
other places. They had used the pick
and shovel under the glaring sun of
the San Joaquin valley and under Ore-
gon's leaden skies. They are capable,
intelligent men, good examples of the
average day-laborer of the United
States.

Their advent here and their subse-
quent progress has been watched with
close interest by men who are consid-
ering Hawaii's all-important question
—the labor problem.

"How have these laborers doing day
labor during the hottest months of the
year stood the work?"

"There has not been a single com-
plaint, nor any sign of sickness among
the men," was Engineer Vincent's re-
ply to the question. "The heat is not
so overpowering and oppressive as you
find in the San Joaquin valley of
California. Men who can work there
along the Sacramento and down near
Fresno, where the grapes grow, will
have no difficulty in bearing Hawaii's
heat. The wages paid the men we
brought with us are the same as they
were receiving on the Coast. They
are fair, living wages, enough to make
it some object for a man to handle a
pick and shovel."

"How do the men stand it? Look at
them and see for yourself," said the
foreman in charge of the gang working
on Union street. "We have had no
sickness, and the heat has not at all
inconvenienced the men. If laborers
attend to their business and do not
run around following cocktail routes
they can do as much work and suffer
as little here as anywhere else. Cer-
tainly, white labor could exist in the
cane fields. But they must be paid
living wages and have the assurance
that they are to be treated like men,
not like dogs. These two conditions
granted, white labor could thrive and
grow fat in the Islands."

"See that gang of men," he contin-
ued. "They are Galicians, the same
men that were released from jail Sat-
urday. We have employed about twenty
of them and so far they seem to be
willing workers. I should prefer them
to the Portuguese because the latter
are more anxious to talk than to work."

"No, sir, the heat has not seemed at
all oppressive to me," was the reply of
a brawny and browned typical Ameri-
can laborer, as he brought his pick
down on the obstinate coral. "I would
rather be at work here than in por-
tions of California, where the heat is
so intense that you would like to drop
when working under the blazing sun.
None of us have been sick, although
I don't think the water is as good as
it might be. I have never seen a cane-
field, but don't see why white men
couldn't do the same work that these
good-for-nothing Japs and Chinese do.
—we don't like them in California,"
he added, apologetically. "Let the
plantation owners pay man's wages
and give manly treatment and it seems
to me that the labor problem I hear
so much about is solved."

The sentiments expressed in the
foregoing talks were echoed by all
along the line of sewers. The white
men, working with pick and shovel un-
der a semi-tropic sun, representing as
they do the average American laborer,
are satisfied and contented. They
also say the labor problem is easy.

Resignations at Ewa.

A number of resignations have oc-
curred lately at Ewa plantation. The
changes have not been in any single
department, but in several, as can be
seen by the names of the following,
who have left: C. H. Jennings, store-
keeper; H. Voss, chief engineer; Morse,
assistant engineer; C. E. Lenox,
policeman.

The position of storekeeper has been
accepted by C. S. Richardson, former-
ly steamship agent for H. Waterhouse
& Co.

A Correspondent Injured.

C. Clayton, the London correspond-
ent who has been in Honolulu a short
time, met with a bad accident Sunday
night. He was walking along Beresta-
nia street shortly after dark when he
came in contact with one of the ob-

structions that line the mauka side.
He fell to the ground and received
several severe injuries. It is under-
stood that he intends to press a claim
for damages either against the Gov-
ernment or the parties who were re-
sponsible for the condition of the
walk.

New School Commissioner.

Mrs. E. O. Hall has been appointed
Commissioner of Education to fill the
vacancy caused by the resignation of
J. Q. Wood.

The board endeavored to hold a
meeting yesterday, but met with the
old stumbling block—no quorum.
There are a number of appointments
yet to be made and the opening of the
school term is close at hand. Another
effort will be made today to hold a
session.

The Kauai Term.

The September Term of the Circuit
Court for the Island of Kauai opens
at Nawiliwili on Wednesday next at 10
a. m., Judge Hardy presiding. The
opening of the Kauai term and the
necessity of many of the Honolulu
lawyers being present was one of the
causes of the adjournment of the Hon-
olulu term on Saturday.

LABOR DAY BALL

Large Gathering at Drill
Shed Last Night.

The "Cake Walk" a Feature of the Evening.
The Committee in
Charge.

To those who brought about the
first celebration of Labor Day in Ho-
nolulu and the ball given last evening
at the drillshed all credit should be
given. The dance was a distinct suc-
cess. The big armory was beautifully
decorated with flags and bunting
draped in many artistic designs, the
work having been done under the su-
pervision of Harry Zinn.

The crowd was big and good-nat-
ured. They came early and stayed
late. There was a most noticeable
absence of stiff conventionalities, but
at the same time everything was con-
ducted in most perfect order. The knights
of labor, with their wives and friends,
were there to enjoy themselves, and
that they succeeded all will testify.

There were about 150 couples in the
grand march, which was led by Edw.
Mallon and Miss E. Gray. The event
of the evening was the cakewalk, in
which James Post and Miss May Ash-
ley, C. W. Webb and Miss Annie Row,
William Maznet and Miss Nora Nel-
son, Sam Jones and Miss Elizabeth Vic-
tor were entered. All had prom-
ised to contest, but at the last moment
their courages failed. After the couples
had performed all manner of graceful
steps and evolutions, the judges de-
cided that it was a tie between the two
first-named couples. Mr. Post, with
a few happy remarks, then withdrew
in favor of his opponents who had walk-
ed so well. The cake, containing a pair
of gloves for the lady and a box of
cigars for the gentleman, was there-
fore awarded to C. W. Webb and Miss
Annie Row. Refreshments were then
served, after which the dancing was
again resumed.

Following are the officers and com-
mittees who had the affair in charge:
Officers—George R. Stoll, president;
M. Schofield, vice president; David
Baehn, treasurer; Alex. Morrison, sec-
retary.
Floor Committee—H. J. Zinn, W.
William Maznet, Fred. Kaech, J. C.
Brown, A. Guild, C. A. West; Ed.
Mallon, floor manager; Robert Cock-
burn, assistant floor manager.
Reception Committee—Wm. Rowe,
chairman; Wm. Lane, P. F. Dillard, H.
Campbell, W. H. Brown, Wm. Stadler.
Refreshment Committee—S. Dugan,
chairman; Chas. O'Brien, Joe. McKech-
nie, John Moran, Thos. Harvey, Alex.
Murray.

More Emigrants.

Both the Japan Times and Gazette
of August 19 note the departure of 500
emigrants, raised by the Hiroshima
Emigration Company from Yokohama
on August 18 by the Canadian Pacific
steamer Empress of China. In the
shipping columns of both papers this
steamer is mentioned as sailing direct
for Yokohama, hence it may be that
the vessel will call here on her return
trip and land the coolies.

Kaunakakai Wharf.

At the meeting of the Executive
Council yesterday it was decided that
foreign vessels destined for Kaunaka-
kai, Molokai, which is not a port of
entry, shall first enter at Honolulu or
Lahaina, paying the usual charges and
cost of inspectors, etc. This is the point
at which the American Sugar Company
themselves its freight. The harbor
has been greatly improved by the
company.

OLAA PLANTATION

Authorized Statement by the Di-
rectors to the Public.

MANAGER M'STOCKER'S WORK

The Area Planted in Cane, Cash Ex-
pended to Date and Amount of
Money on Hand.

F. B. McStocker, manager of the
Olaa plantation, has forwarded to the
directors a statement of the present
status of the development of the plan-
tation. There are so many inquiries
from the stockholders which are an-
swered by this statement that the com-
pany authorizes its publication for the
general information of those interest-
ed.

Mr. McStocker took charge of the
plantation in the middle of June.

There were then 50 acres of seed
cane in the ground, and, in addition to
cleared land planted in coffee, which
for the present will be retained, there
were of forest land cleared for coffee
purposes about 800 acres.

The present status is as follows:

AREA PLANTED IN CANE.

| | Acres. |
|------------------|--------|
| Rose Bamboo | 120 |
| Yellow Caledonia | 25 |
| Yellow Bamboo | 35 |
| Lahaina | 120 |
| Total | 300 |

In addition to this over 200 acres of
cane have been planted by Olaa and
Kean owners of land which will be
available as seed cane for planting the
first crop.

Cane planting is now going on at the
rate of 50 acres a week.

As soon as additional plows are ob-
tained this will be increased to 75 acres
a week.

It is intended to continue the plant-
ing of Lahaina cane on the lower lands
for seed for about a month more. After
that only the bamboo canes will be
planted for use on the upper lands.

The present plan is to plant for the
first crop 6,000 acres in cane.

A large number of the outside own-
ers of land in Olaa are desirous of
planting cane to be ground on shares
by the plantation.

It is estimated that from 1,000 to
2,000 acres will be available to be
ground at the plantation from this
source.

A form of contract for share cul-
tivation has been formulated, both for
planting on outside lands and for plant-
ing on the company's lands. These
forms have been submitted to the di-
rectors for approval and will be put in
to operation as soon as approved.

It is the intent of the company so
far as practicable to furnish seed to
outsiders to plant on shares for the
plantation at practically cost price.

CLEARING LAND.

In addition to the 300 acres plant-
ed there is:

| | Acres. |
|--|--------|
| Area ploughed ready to plant | 200 |
| Area cleared ready to plow | 750 |
| Area forest land previously cleared for coffee planting, stumps to be removed and cane planted | 1,500 |
| Open land under contract to be cleared ready for ploughing by October 30th | 2,000 |
| Forest land under contract to be cleared ready for ploughing by March 1st | 500 |

The rate paid for clearing the land
not under forest is:

| | Per Acre. |
|--|-----------|
| For removing and burning all grass and underbrush and gua- va and piling fern stumps | \$15 00 |
| For removing and piling surface stone | 5 00 |

The contract price for clearing
forest land ready for ploughing 70 00
Per Cord
All firewood cleared from forest
land is to be cut by the con-
tractor in cord-wood length
and piled for \$1 25
The receipts from firewood obtained
from the forest land it is estimated
will more than pay for the cost of
clearing.

Negotiations are now about closing
for clearing 1,000 acres additional for-
est land on the same terms.

LABORERS.

The plantation is employing a force
as follows:
Overseers and lunas 16
Teamsters 25
Carpenters 49
Blacksmiths and helpers 175
Free laborers 175
Contract laborers 310

Total employed by plantation 580
The contractors who are clearing
land are employing additional
laborers to the number of 450

Total working on plantation 1,030
Quarters have been built for 700 la-
borers and more are being added con-

tinuously. The contractors furnish
their own houses.

ANIMALS.

There are now on the ground at
work:

Mules 250
horses 23

There are now in operation 24 plows
and 24 more have been ordered and
are daily expected from the Coast, the
Honolulu supply having been exhaust-
ed. As soon as they arrive they will
begin work.

All lumber and supplies have now
to be transported by teams from Hilo.
This has retarded the work and is
much more expensive than it will be
later, cartage on lumber now being \$7
per thousand feet. As soon as the rail-
road to Hilo is in operation this ex-
pense will be reduced to \$3 per thou-
sand feet.

The Hilo Railroad Company expects
to begin grading next week and has
notified the plantation that its first
shipment of rails is due for delivery
at any time at Hilo by direct shipment
from San Francisco. The railroad com-
pany expects to get rail communication
through to the plantation by January
next.

The total amount of money expend-
ed from the initiation of the plan-
tation up to August 31st is \$93,000.
The balance remaining in the treas-
ury September 1st is \$157,000.

H. P. BALDWIN AT OLAA.

H. P. Baldwin visited and inspected
Olaa for two days last week, in com-
pany with H. Morrison, manager of
Makaweli, and L. A. Thurston. Sever-
al sites for the mill were considered,
and two selected, from which one will
be taken later.

Mr. Baldwin expressed himself as
much gratified at the large amount of
work that had been accomplished.
This is his first visit since the plan-
tation was started. He said that the
lands made a finer appearance and
seemed richer even than he had ex-
pected. The rich, dark-green and vig-
orous growth of the bamboo and Cale-
donia canes at the 1,500, 1,800 and 2,000
foot elevations especially impressed
him. He said that evidently these up-
land canes were destined to carry the
sugar industry to much higher eleva-
tions than would ever have been pos-
sible with the Lahaina cane, which
does best at the lower levels. The cor-
rectness of this theory is shown by the
fact that at Charles Egan's, at an ele-
vation of 2,300 feet, considerably mauka
of the plantation, there is a fine
field of yellow bamboo cane, while the
Pahala plantation has recently har-
vested a field of the same variety at an
elevation of over 2,500 feet, which
yielded over five tons of sugar to the
acre.

HAWAIIAN MELODIES.

"The Aloha Collection" is the
Latest Thing Out.

Charles A. K. Hopkins, who is well
known in Honolulu on account of his
abilities as a composer of native songs,
has at last accomplished one of his
long-sought desires. This is a bound
collection of the best and most repre-
sentative of Hawaiian music. His ef-
forts have taken the form of a sub-
stantial, 85-page volume, "The Aloha
Collection," in which are gathered the
choicest of the native melodies. The
work is dedicated to the famous Ka-
wahao Quartette, a picture of which
adorns the front cover. The books
have just been received by the com-
piler, who only yesterday received his
Hawaiian copyright. In the words of
the preface, "they form a rare and
unique selection of the songs of the
best Hawaiian composers." Altogether
there are forty numbers, the first of
which is the old favorite, "Aloha Oe."
The collection can well be recommend-
ed to anyone who is interested in the
"songs of the Hawaiian race, upon
whom the hand of destiny is enforcing
changes which will soon entwine their
natural musical capabilities to the
songs of other lands."

Had a Narrow Escape.

Acting Road Supervisor Fred Goudie
had a narrow escape last Saturday
afternoon. He had been out on a tour
of inspection of the road work now go-
ing on and was coming along River
street when his horse suddenly bolted.
Goudie was thrown to the ground and
became tangled up with the harness.
He was dragged quite a distance before
the animal came to a standstill. Mr.
Goudie sustained several severe bruises
and wrenches, but considers that he
was lucky to escape as well as he did.

Board of Agriculture.

The Board of Agriculture held its
regular meeting yesterday morning.
After transacting routine business, Al-
lan Herbert read a detailed report on
his investigations into the forest con-
ditions and his work in distributing
seeds and giving information. The
matter of a sprinkling cart for Ala
Moana was brought up and the sec-
retary was instructed to purchase one.

Got the Contract.

Arthur Harrison was awarded the
contract for building the new Brewer
block on Fort street. He filed his
bond on Saturday and has already
made a commencement on the work.

WILL OPEN TODAY

First American Bank of
Hawaii.

History of Its Formation and List of Officers
Chosen for the First
Year.

At half-past ten this morning the
doors of the First American Bank will
be thrown open and the new institu-
tion will be ready for business.

Yesterday afternoon the Minister of
Interior notified the bank officials that
at 10 o'clock this morning he would
appear at the bank, count the cash, and
make the formal inspection, as required
by law. Then he will hand over to the
president the certificate which will be
the open sesame of the bank's
doors.

At a meeting held Saturday the fol-
lowing officers were elected: Cecil
Brown, president; B. F. Dillingham,
vice president; W. G. Cooper, cashier;
E. M. Boyd, secretary; George F. Mc-
Leod, auditor; B. F. Dillingham, Cecil
Brown, M. P. Robinson, Bruce Cart-
wright, G. W. Macfarlane, directors.
With Major Purdy, who will be be-
hind the teller's window, that is the
complete list of officers.

To the indefatigable efforts of Col.
George Macfarlane, probably more than
any other man, is due the opening of
the new institution. Long before the
public was taken into confidence it
had been a pet scheme of the
Colonel's, and much correspondence
had passed before he felt sure enough
of his ground to make known his
plans. On bank business alone he has
taken several trips to the States to
confer with the powers in Washington
and the agents in San Francisco. The
foundation was carefully laid and the
rest of the work was rapidly brought
to a consummation. Colonel Macfar-
lane is naturally in buoyant spirits
over the fact that his pet project
changes from a dream to a reality with
the opening of the bank doors today.
Of the future of the institution he is
most sanguine, believing that it will
become a power in bettering the finan-
cial situation of the Islands.

No man is better known in Honolulu
than Senator Cecil Brown, the bank's
president. Since the inception of the
scheme he has been one of its leading
promoters. He will also perform the
duties of manager, and under his di-
rection the prosperity of the bank is
assured.

The bank will have connections in
all cities of importance. In the plac-
ing of these agencies Mr. Lillenthal,
the San Francisco banker, who is heav-
ily interested in the First American,
also has been a powerful ally. He, with
Perry S. Heath, whose career was de-
tailed in yesterday's Advertiser, Collis
P. Huntington, Ignatz Steinhart, now
in this city, James Campbell and oth-
ers, are among the men of weight
whose names are on the list of stock-
holders.

The arrangements have been so
made that within a few hours the
First American may be changed into
the First National. As soon as legis-
lation is effected for the Islands by
Congress the change will be made and
Honolulu will possess a national bank.

The present quarters are in the
Campbell block, on Fort street, be-
tween Merchant and Queen streets. A
vault has been constructed and all the
necessary paraphernalia for a well-ap-
pointed banking institution has been
put in place.

STREET SPRINKLING.

Water Supply is Shut Off by the
Government.

Louis Marks, the genial proprietor
of the street sprinkling wagons, was
yesterday notified by the government
that the supply of water for his wagons
would have to be temporarily discon-
tinued until the present drought ends.

Mr. Marks, however, was equal to the
occasion, and before night had made
arrangements to secure a temporary
supply of water elsewhere. Should
the drought continue these temporary
arrangements may become permanent
ones, as in any event the street sprink-
ling will be continued.

Mr. Marks has also under consid-
eration a plan by which the streets may
be either partially or wholly sprinkled
with salt water, and there are many
who would like to see him give this
system a trial at least.

Committee Conference.

Tonight at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. Walter C. Weedon there will be
an important Y. M. C. A. gathering.
This is the committee conference, in
which all the various committees of the
association will meet to plan the work
for the coming year. It is the first
gathering of its kind yet held in the
city. Mr. Weedon, the host of the oc-
casion, will also give a brief review
of his experiences at the recent inter-
national Y. M. C. A. Convention.